

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



July 2, 1998

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 98-50

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) IN THE CALIFORNIA
WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS
(CalWORKs) PROGRAM

REFERENCES: ACL 97-32 WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTIONS 11452
& 11453

This letter is to inform you that current law (W&I Code Section 11452 and 11453) provides for a CalWORKs Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for Fiscal Year 1998/99 effective July 1, 1998 for the Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care (MBSAC) and the In-Kind Income derivative table. The new MBSAC amounts will affect only families that apply for CalWORKs on or after July 1, 1998. The increase amounts in the In-Kind Income table affects both recipients and new applicants of CalWORKs who state they earn or receive in kind any one of the need items listed on this table.

The MBSAC values will be increased by 2.84 percent effective July 1, 1998. The CalWORKs Payment Standards tables (Attachments 1A-1B) for Region 1 and Region 2 counties are provided to assist you in implementing the changes. Please note that this change is unrelated to current budget discussions regarding Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) and MAP COLA increases.

CalWORKs Notice of Action (NOA) Language

New NOA language is not necessary when determining initial CalWORKs eligibility for new applicants. Counties should use the regular NOA language that is currently used for approving or denying cash aid to applicants.

Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Entrant Cash Assistance (ECA)

Information regarding RCA and ECA will follow under separate cover.

Contacts

If you have any questions regarding CalWORKs, please contact Marilyn Delgado at (916) 653-5830 or CALNET 453-5830. Questions about RCA/ECA should be addressed to Linda Keene at (916) 654-2602 or CALNET 464-2602.

Sincerely,
***Original Document Signed By
Bruce Wagstaff on July 2, 1998***
BRUCE WAGSTAFF
Deputy Director
Welfare to Work Division

Attachments

c: CWDA
CSAC

ATTACHMENT 1A

CalWORKs PAYMENT STANDARDS
Effective July 1, 1998
Region 1

Assistance Unit Size	Maximum Aid Payment Exempt	Maximum Aid Payment Non-Exempt	MBSAC	In-Kind Income				80% of MAP Exempt Assistance Units	80% of MAP Non-Exempt Assistance Units
				Housing	Utilities	Food	Clothing		
1	311	279	381	172	36	95	29	248	223
2	509	456	624	230	41	203	56	407	364
3	631	565	775	251	44	259	83	504	452
4	750	673	920	264	46	320	112	600	538
5	855	767	1049	264	46	387	141	684	613
6	961	861	1,180	264	46	447	168	768	688
7	1,055	946	1,296	264	46	499	198	844	756
8	1,150	1,030	1,412	264	46	546	221	920	824
9	1,243	1,113	1,531	264	46	601	253	994	890
10	1,335	1,196	1,662	264	46	649	278	1,068	956
More then 10	1,335	1,196	Add \$14 for each extra person					1,068	956

ATTACHMENT 1B

CalWORKs PAYMENT STANDARDS
Effective July 1, 1998
Region 2

Assistance Unit Size	Maximum Aid Payment Exempt	Maximum Aid Payment Non-Exempt	MBSAC	Income In-Kind				80% of MAP Exempt Assistance Units	80% of MAP Non-Exempt Assistance Units
				Housing	Utilities	Food	Clothing		
1	295	266	362	164	36	95	29	236	212
2	485	434	594	218	41	203	56	388	347
3	601	538	737	239	44	259	83	480	430
4	714	641	875	251	46	320	112	571	512
5	814	730	998	251	46	387	141	651	584
6	914	819	1,122	251	46	447	168	731	655
7	1,004	900	1,232	251	46	499	198	803	720
8	1,094	980	1,342	251	46	546	221	875	784
9	1,183	1,059	1,456	251	46	601	253	946	847
10	1,270	1,138	1,581	251	46	649	278	1,016	910
More than 10	1,270	1,138	Add \$14 for each extra person					1,016	910